any such complaints. However, DGCA has decided that foreign co-pilots will not be issued FATA after 31.05.2008. That will be mandatory requirement for Indian operators to phase out foreign pilots as co-pilot. This will result into absorption of Indian co-pilots.

New air traffic control system

2328. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new civilian application system developed by US Defence equipment major Raytheon along-with ISRO and Airports Authority of India could help in removing the congestion in the airports;

(b) whether this system promises to remove inherent positional errors of aircrafts to get clear picture of their movements and make improvement;

(c) whether with more accurate picture of aircraft positions, the ATC can fit more aircrafts with a limited space and also avoid possible near-miss situation; and

(d) by when a final decision in changing better air traffic system with US defence system would be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The new civilian application system GPS Aided GEOS Augmented Navigation (GAGAN) is being developed jointly by Airports Authority of India and ISRO indigenously. The system will provide advanced navigational support in decongesting the airspace/airports. GAGAN is likely to be commissioned by December, 2010.

Share of Air India in domestic air service

2329. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a constant fall in market share of Public Sector Air India in the total domestic air service since July 2007;

(b) if so, the share of different domestic air carriers as on January 2007 and January 2008, showing the growth rate of each;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Air India has withdrawn some of the services from major airports during this period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Security equipments at airports

2330. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to install high security equipments for effective security at all the domestic and international airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost likely to be incurred on installation of these gadgets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Security equipments and systems based on new technology like Explosive Detectors, Bomb Disposal equipment, Perimeter Intrusion Detection System (PIDS), Smart Card and Bio-metrics based access control system, In-line Integrated X-ray baggage screening System etc. are recommended for mandatory installation and commissioning by the airport operators at all operational airports. The Security Systems are also integrated and interfaced with Close Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance. Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) have issued Technical Specifications for the security equipments and systems which are recommended keeping in view the threat perception for each airport.

(c) The estimated costs are as under:

(i) In-Line X-BIS - Value of order placed for international airports is estimated at Rs. 45 crores.

(ii) Explosive Trace Detectors - Order placed for Rs. 91.00 crores approximately including existing Customs Duty.

(iii) CCTV - Rs. 70 crores (approx.)

(iv) X-ray Baggage Inspection System - Rs. 140 crores (Approx.)

Development of Bhubaneswar airport as an international airport

2331. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to develop Orissa as a tourist destination by providing basic infrastructure for International tourists like declaring Bhubaneswar Airport as an International Airport;

(b) if so, what budgetary allocations have been made in this regard during the current year;

(c) whether Government has also framed any fresh set of guidelines for foreign tourist wanting to travel to India with a whole new section on "Safety and Security of Tourists"; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Biju Patnaik Airport at Bhubaneswar is one of the 35 non-metro airports taken up for development and upgradation to international standards. Any other declaration will be considered subsequent to completion of process of modernisation by Airports Authority of India (AAI), at an estimated cost of Rs. 150 crore. Further, Ministry of Tourism have sanctioned tourism projects to the tune of Rs. 72.35 crore and Rs. 23.27 crore for the State of Orissa in Tenth Five Year Plan and during the financial year 2007-08, respectively.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Tourism are advising State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, from time to time to make concerted efforts for safety and security of